

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **May 26, 2004**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-20. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-17, drawn to methods of optically routing packets, classified in class 398, subclass 51.
- II. Claims 18-20, drawn to a wavelength router (apparatus) using switches, classified in class 385, subclass 16.

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121


Claims 1-20 were subject to restriction.

Applicant elects species I, without traverse. Claims 1-17 read on species I. Claims 18-20 have been canceled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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